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THE ARCH-FIEND,

Holmes, Relates a Chapter Of His Chicago Romance.

THE MAN OF MYSTERY EXPLAINS

The Motive of the Murder of Nannie Williams by

HER SISTER THE MISSING MINNIE.

Jealousy Causes the Quarrel Between the Williams Girls Which Resulted in Nannie's Death—Holmes Describes the Midnight Boat Ride on Lake Michigan With the Marderoed Girl's Body and its Consequence to the "Evergrasping Depths"—Thinks Minnie is Still Alive.

New York, August 25.—A signed statement written by H. H. Holmes, in the Moyamensing prison at Philadelphia, and certified to by his lawyer, which goes into all the details of his acquaintance with Minnie R. Williams, is printed by a local paper. Holmes writes that he first met Minnie Williams at an intelligence office kept by one Campbell, on Dearborn street, Chicago, in January, 1893, and employed her as a stenographer. She was installed in his office, in the building which has become known as "Holmes' Castle," and from March to May of that year occupied rooms in the building adjoining the office.

Holmes says that in April Minnie Williams, knowing him to be in need of money, gave him a draft for \$2,500, the proceeds of the sale of real estate she had held in Texas, and asked him to use it until she should need it. In order that she should be protected, he transferred to her by warranty deed a house and lot at Wilmette, Ill., valued at \$7,500. The money was returned to her in May, 1893, being paid by Isaac R. Hitt & Co., of Chicago. She desired to convert her other southern property into cash for improved northern property, and he advised her to execute a deed, which he had prepared, to a fictitious person and offer the property for sale at a very low cash figure, and years later to demand an additional sum in exchange for a good deed. This was done, Clarence A. Phillips forging the name of Alexander E. Bond upon the deed so made, which deeds are still in existence.

About this time, Holmes narrates, Miss Williams was taken ill, suffering from acute mania, and was removed to the Presbyterian hospital near the Claybourne avenue car line, being enrolled as Mrs. Williams, as her ailment was such that it was prudent for her to pass as a married woman. Minnie Williams' condition was brought about, so Holmes says, she told him, by a prominent Boston business man, head of a firm dealing in surgical instruments, whose wife she visited at their home in Somerville, Mass. This man had acquired an influence over her which she was unable to resist, betrayed her and she met him frequently at a hotel near his place of business, breaking her engagement to marry an honest clerk.

THE MURDER OF NANNIE.

When she grew better and returned to his house, her sister, Nannie Williams, came from Texas to visit her. Returning one evening early in July from a day in the city, he was greeted by a cry from Minnie Williams in the parlor: "Is that you? My God! I thought you would never come, Nannie is dead!"

She was seated upon the floor holding her sister's head in her arms rocking back and forth and moaning much as a mother would over a child.

He found that Nannie Williams had been dead for hours and laid her body upon the bed in his room, finding no mark of violence but a slight discoloration on one of her temples.

According to the story written by Holmes, Minnie Williams had been away the preceding night and he (Holmes) had also been unexpectedly detained by business all night. When Minnie Williams returned that morning she noticed that his bed had not been occupied during the night.

HOLMES' VERSION OF THE CRIME.

This is what Holmes writes: "And with only this one thought in her disordered mind had rushed into the adjoining room, where her sister then sat, and in a voice which only the very few who have been intimately acquainted with Miss Williams can appreciate and understand the tragedy of, said, 'You devil, you have stolen my husband from me.' At the same time she had struck her sister with a small foot stool, causing her to fall to the floor, where, with hardly a struggle, she lay down to breathe."

"At first Minnie thought her sister had only fainted, and tried to revive her. Then she found her efforts useless and remained in this position in which she found her. Then came the question of what to do."

DISPOSITION OF THE BODY.

Holmes' story of what was done follows: "I clothed Nannie in a light dress and placed her in a large trunk which I had brought with me from Texas. I placed her therein, I went to a nearby stable and obtained a covered conveyance, and upon my return I engaged a man to accompany me to the beach and help me place the trunk in the carriage. I then drove to the lake side, and waited until night had fallen, thus appearing to parties passing me, if any, that I was awaiting the return of some belated boating party. Then I procured a boat and rowed a short distance and took it near my usual place and later, with considerable trouble, I placed the trunk in the boat and proceeded about one mile from the shore. There, in the darkness, faced beyond the light of this world, and the evergrasping depths of Lake Michigan, all that was mortal of the beautiful Christian girl, coming toward the shore I thought it wise to deposit the trunk upon another and more remote portion of the beach. I

did this, and after returning the boat drove away, and later came back for the trunk.

THE PARTIES SEPARATE.

"The house-keeping was broken up and very shortly thereafter Mr. Hatch took Minnie Williams to Milwaukee, where she remained in a private institution until later in the summer. The cage that produced her unsound mental condition had then been removed. We kept Nannie's things several weeks until I could obtain time to dispose of them, when I assorted some of them and gave them to Pietzel, telling him that they were some that Miss Williams had sent to his children. All the others were burned in the large stove in the third story office and this, I plainly told the Philadelphia authorities in the fall of 1894 and all the subsequent excitement occurred as a direct result of a visit made by their representative in verification of my statement. Another trunk containing pictures and books was not taken from the express company, owing to a mistake in charges, though Miss Williams supposed this had also been disposed of, and this was the one later returned to Fort Worth."

"The last I ever saw of Miss Williams was in Detroit last fall and my belief is that she is still alive and well."

WHILE BATHING.

Two Men, Supposed to be the Gothenburg Train Robbers, are Captured. BROOKLYN, N. Y., August 25.—There is every indication that the two men jailed here yesterday were involved in the Union Pacific hold-up Sunday. They are quite silent as to their whereabouts at that time. The train crew say that they are the men. They were captured at 11:30, six miles east of Mason City, by Lincoln Crossley, constable of Mason City, and William Purcell, ex-deputy sheriff. When they were found, they were bathing in a pond off from the road. There were cuts on one's leg. The other had only his shoes off, bathing his feet. They were taken completely by surprise, and the officers had them covered with their guns before they knew of their presence.

On being commanded to throw up their hands, one obeyed instantly, while the other started for his revolver, which was in his coat, eight feet away, but on being ordered to halt at the point of a revolver he obeyed. They had three revolvers. One was a .44-calibre and the other two .41 and .38 respectively. They were brought here this evening on an extra train about 7 o'clock by the officers who arrested them, accompanied by Deputy Marshal Young, of Ansel, and J. C. Hunter, who followed on their trail after they had passed through this city. They passed through here while the officers were out in the hills looking for them, but those who saw them thought they looked so simple and innocent that they were not the men wanted.

Officers found on the prisoners two large silk handkerchiefs, each of which had a large hole, apparently torn out of them, large enough to put it over their eyes. A piece of one of the handkerchiefs was found yesterday by the pursuers, where they ate their lunch. The cartridges found near where the train was held up correspond in size with the .44-calibre.

A DEAD ROBBER.

The Man is Supposed to Have Assisted in a Train Robbery Last Week.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., August 25.—John Smalley, the man who was killed by deputy sheriffs at McBain, Missaukee county last night, has been positively identified as the man who killed Detective George W. Powers here last Thursday night, and there is little doubt that he was one of the five who held up the Chicago & West Michigan train near the Kalamazoo river last week. To settle the latter point an express company detective, Conductor Rice and Baggageman Van Eita, of the train that was robbed, will be sent to McBain tonight.

There was another man with Smalley when he shot Detective Powers and he was also in the house from which Smalley was called by the deputy sheriffs, but he escaped to the pines during the excitement that followed the shooting. Information received here to-night has convinced the officers that the other three of the train robbers are near the lake in the vicinity of Pentwater and all their efforts are being centered in following a clew that was obtained at East Golden, Oceana county, yesterday.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL MURDERER.

Commits Suicide After Firing Two Shots at His Divorced Wife.

MALDEN, MASS., August 25.—Daniel J. McLeod, a Melrose carpenter attempted to kill his divorced wife Mary, on Washington street, Oak Grove, this afternoon, and afterwards shot himself through the head, dying instantly. Although the woman was badly injured, it was thought she will recover. Mrs. McLeod, who is employed as a domestic by J. Parker, obtained a divorce from her husband two years and a half ago. Since then McLeod has frequently asked her to live with him, once threatening to shoot her if she refused. To-day he met her and renewed his request. Mary refused him and informed him that she did not wish him to follow her around. McLeod became angry, and drawing a .38 calibre revolver he fired two shots at the woman, who was close beside him. The first one shattered her jaw. She ran away before the second was fired and it missed her.

McLeod then placed the weapon behind his right ear and fired. The bullet passed through his brain and he died instantly.

Mrs. McLeod came from New Germany, N. S., three years ago. McLeod was forty years of age.

THE DURRANT CASE.

The Attorney for the Defense Claims to Have Secured Important Witnesses.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25.—The attorneys for Theodore Durrant have two witnesses, Martin Burnett and Edward McPherson, by whom they expect to prove that their client was on Market street at the moment when the prosecution insists that the bloody murderer was mutilating the body of the dead girl in the library of Emanuel church. Durrant himself will trace his movements that night when he claims to have taken the records and the money of the Christian Endeavor society down town. Burnett and McPherson will testify that they saw the book under his arm

when he was down town, and entries in the book itself will prove that he collected dues from some of the members in Dr. Vogel's house.

It is now admitted that Durrant's first story of his movements on the night Minnie Williams was murdered, when he said he went to the armory, is untrue.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Franklin Said to Have Withdrawn from the Iron and Oil League—Titusville's Managers Give Up—Colorado is all Right.

From the following specials received early this morning, it looks as though Titusville and Franklin have joined Oil City and Twin Cities. But plucky Colorado remains and all may yet be well:

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

OIL CITY, PA., August 25 (1 A. M.)—Oil City will play independently. Franklin has also withdrawn from league.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

TITUSVILLE, PA., August 25.—(1 A. M.)—Titusville's managers have withdrawn from control of the team. They will play co-operatively for the present week at least. The Franklin team is scheduled to play here to-day and Tuesday. It is possible that if the club makes a good showing that they will be taken in hand by other management.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., August 25.—(1 A. M.)—Colorado is all right and will play to-day and to-morrow.

THE NEWS.

IN CRIPPLE CREEK.

Chiretia, the World's Champion Matador, Displays His Proficiency.

CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., August 25.—Another bull was killed in the arena at Gillette to-day in the presence of six thousand people, and the work was done in the style of Spain and Mexico. The first bull turned into the arena was an exceedingly tame animal, even after the darts were in him. He refused to fight, and the multitudinous crowd for a new animal. Arizona Charley appeared to be equally disgusted and headed the band of cowboys that drove the bull into the arena.

The next animal made for his life, but his battle was quickly over. Chiretia, the king of the arena is not only Mexican, but in Spain, made two stabs at the animal and then left him practically dead, but the Mexicans with the red coats teased the creature and made him dart at them. One came within an ace of losing his life, and there was great excitement in consequence, especially among the little coterie to which the individual belonged. Not a few women fainted.

WEST VIRGINIA KNIGHTS.

Arrive in Boston—Wheeling Templars Expected This Morning.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

BOSTON, MASS., August 25.—Over one hundred West Virginia Sir Knights have arrived and all are well. The Wheeling and Huntington commanderies are expected to arrive to-morrow morning. The headquarters have been established with the grand commandery at the Hotel Brunswick where four rooms were secured.

A Fatal Celebration.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., August 25.—Charles Kimmer, of near Fresno, Wirt county, was killed last night at Petroleum by being run over by a Baltimore & Ohio freight train. He had been attending a picnic and was drunk and fell asleep on the track. Henry Devers, who was with him, was badly, though not fatally injured.

Colored Man Robbed.

NEWARK, O., August 25.—A strange colored man by the name of Robbins, en route from Sisterville, W. Va., to the West, reported here to-day that he had been robbed of \$27 while riding from Bellaire to this city on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 25. He said to Superintendent Graham that he gave the crew of the freight train \$1 to allow him to ride to this city and while the train stopped on a siding at Sonora, just east of Zanesville, two men jumped in the car on the pretense of opening another door to make it more comfortable for him, and one held him down while the other went through his pockets. He says the men were members of the crew, though the friends of Conductor Rouse and Brakemen Davis and O'Neal suspect the idea, advancing the theory that the man, if robbed at all, was touched by tramps.

Romero Sentenced.

NEW MEXICO, VIA LARKINS, August 25.—The jury in the Verastegui-Romero duelling case brought in a verdict at 3 o'clock.

The judge sentenced Romero to three years and four months at hard labor in the Municipal prison and to pay to the family of Verastegui for eighteen years the sum of \$1,500 yearly, and also to pay the costs of Verastegui's funeral and all costs of the case.

The Santa Fe Reorganization.

CHICAGO, August 25.—The first step towards removing the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad from the hands of receivers will be taken Tuesday at Topeka, Kan. On that day Judge Caldwell, of the United States circuit court, will appear at Topeka for the purpose of hearing the petition of the receivers. The sale will not be opposed, it is understood, by anyone, as the reorganization committee holds a majority of the stock and is prepared to buy the railroad and pay cash for it.

The News not Credited.

PORTLAND, ORE., August 25.—Diamond Alley, the scene of the reported killing of fifteen Bannock Indians, is situated in the southeastern corner of Oregon. Burns, the county seat of Harney county, is 150 miles distant from Ontario, the nearest telegraph office. Ontario is a small station on the Oregon Shortland near the border between Oregon and Idaho. The news is not credited here, as it was not known that any Bannock Indians were in the vicinity.

A Boiler Explodes.

PALMER, August 25.—An explosion of a boiler occurred at the Sonoma mills on Saturday. The premises were destroyed. Five persons were killed and twenty injured.

THE PARTY FIGHT

The Chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Republican Committee

IS NOT YET DEFINITELY SETTLED.

Both Sides Claim a Victory, But the Convention Will be Required to Terminate the Dispute—Chairman Gilkeson Preparing the Roll of Delegates—The Forces of the Opposing Candidates Assembling at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, PA., August 25.—Chairman Gilkeson, of the Republican state committee, has made up the roll of delegates to the coming state convention, which will meet on Wednesday next. The list, as prepared by Mr. Gilkeson, does not differ materially from those heretofore published. Among the changes made is that Bradford county is allowed but three delegates by Mr. Gilkeson instead of four, as claimed, and the first district of Berks county gets but two instead of three.

The list as issued does not indicate who will be dropped in the counties. H. T. Northrup is seated in Wyoming instead of H. W. Bardwell. All the Hastings men are listed from the First and Fifth districts in Philadelphia, where there are contests. It now seems probable that the contest for the chairmanship of the state committee will be carried into the courts in the form of an action on behalf of Senator Quay to compel Chairman Gilkeson to surrender the books and papers of the committee.

The members of that body will hold a meeting to-morrow at which a resolution will be adopted requesting Mr. Gilkeson to attend and assist in the preparation of the roll of delegates. He will almost certainly refuse and then it is proposed that the committee elect Thomas V. Cooper, of Delaware county, temporary chairman. Legal steps will then be taken to compel Mr. Gilkeson to surrender the books and an auditing committee will be appointed to examine his accounts. This programme will probably be carried out without opposition, as it is the policy of the Hastings people to ignore any action the state committee may take.

The city is rapidly filling up with politicians from every part of the state, who have come to take part in, or to witness, the exciting scenes that are expected to take place when the convention assemblies. There are also present a number of the members of the state committee, who are here to attend to-morrow's session of that body. Congressman "Jack" Robinson, of Delaware county, has been selected by the Quay people as their candidate for temporary chairman of the convention. The Hastings people have not yet announced who they will put up for the place, if, indeed, they have decided.

The result of the contest for the state chairmanship is still in doubt. Both sides claim they will win, but neither faction is willing to make public the figures upon which they base their prediction. Chairman Gilkeson and David Martin arrived to-night and are the guests of Governor Hastings at the executive mansion.

Senator Quay keeps close to his quarters in the Lochiel and Lieutenant Governor Lyon is here aiding the senator in rounding his forces for the coming battle.

An Engagement Announced.

NEW YORK, August 25.—The Advertiser will say to-morrow:

It is reported that Algernon Sartoris, the only son of Grant's daughter, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, is engaged to a wealthy young lady in this city. Her name has not been made public. Young Sartoris is not yet twenty years of age.

Cholera on Shipboard.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 25.—Seven deaths from cholera have occurred on board the steamer Baikow, which arrived at Vladivostok on August 6 from Coo Poo, China, since which time sixteen cases and twelve deaths have occurred at Vladivostok itself.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A prison delivery on a large scale was frustrated at Detroit yesterday.

A Sunday morning fire in the village of Rosendale, N. Y., destroyed property valued at \$75,000.

Forest fires are raging in New Jersey. Railroad property in the vicinity of Goshen is in danger.

Assistant Secretary of War Dox, upon the arrival of Secretary Lamont, left for the west on a vacation.

Lieutenant Palmer, the Belgian commanding the Kasai district of the Congo state, has been killed while fighting the natives.

In a freight wreck near Millersburg, Ohio, yesterday, eleven cars were derailed and three tramps are believed to be buried under the debris.

One thousand garment workers are on strike at Rochester, N. Y. Unless their demands are granted to-day 1,000 more will join the strike.

The receivers of the Ohio Southern railway, acting on senator price's order, have made wholesale changes in the management of that road.

The gendarmes and police surrounded the village of Favara, Italy, near Siracusa, and arrested forty-two members of Mafia societies on charges of murder and other outrages.

The backers of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight claim that they have assurance that the distinguished gentlemen can settle their differences at Juarez, Mexico, if stopped at Dallas.

Jackowitz, the confidential clerk of Baron Rothschild, Paris, who was injured Saturday by the explosion of an internal machine addressed to the Baron, is in a hopeful condition.

A bloody encounter occurred at Midlandborough, Ky., in which James Lyle fatally carved Peter Sullivan to pieces. Lyle escaped, but is closely pursued by police and twenty-five infuriated citizens.

Governor McKinley and ex-Senator Warner stiller attended the same church at Chautauque yesterday. The popularity of the governor was so great that he was obliged to hold an informal reception after the services.

THE NICARAGUAN METHOD

Of Assessing Taxes—A Double Tax Levied on Those Failing to Return Property.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, August 4.—The annual national and municipal taxes on real estate in Nicaragua are now being collected and should largely increase the government revenues. All who neglected to report in writing over their signatures before June 1, 1895, to the proper government officials, a fair estimate of the value of their property and full statement of net income for the year ending on that date, are now having these values estimated by the government officials and are paying the double tax rate. The following will illustrate in part these taxes:

One-half of 1 per cent on net incomes to the municipality and one-half of 1 per cent to the national government on valuation of the property. Coffee estates pay two cents per pound on all exported and one-half of 1 per cent on the estimated value of the estate—equivalent, annually, to about \$7 per acre export tax and 63 cents per acre valued on tax. Many mine owners having declined to give an estimate of the value of their property, referring to the low price of their much watered stocks, although they are running at full time all their employees and machinery and shipping monthly bullion containing 45 to 90 per cent gold, are now having to pay double rates of taxes.

A BETTER DEMAND

For American Securities in English Financial Circles, Especially Bond Issues.

LONDON, August 25.—With the continued influx of gold, the rates for money have again slackened and from the same cause, gilt-edge stocks have advanced, but the exception was the mining market, in which business was exceedingly quiet, although prices were firm. Home railroads were strong and foreign railroads were quiet. There was a good demand for Turke, but Spaniards were weak. Paraguanians advanced on news of the resumption of interest payments. American securities were better, especially the bond issues, which were in good demand at an advanced price. Shares were neglected, but the anticipated Erie and Reading reorganization schemes will, when issued, improve matters. Erie have been sold on a basis of a twelve-dollar assessment. Grand Trunks have been better on better traffic prospects. Advances have been as follows: Illinois Central 2; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Lake Shore 1 1/2 per cent. Other movements were fractional.

SECRETAIRY VIGNAUD.

Of the American Embassy in France, Talks Upon the Waller Case.

PARIS, August 25.—Le Matin has an interview with Mr. Henry Vignaud, secretary of the United States embassy, on the subject of the Waller case. Mr. Vignaud denied that there was any question yet of demands or disagreement between France and America. "Ambassador Eustis," Mr. Vignaud went on to say, "for the present has only asked for the production of the documents connected with the case, which were mislaid during the voyage from Madagascar. Mr. Newton B. Eustis, second secretary of the embassy, and son of the ambassador, goes to Clairvaux to-day with a legal adviser of the embassy to interview Mr. Waller. France and America are discussing the matter in a friendly and loyal spirit and the friendly relations are unimpaired. No disagreement has arisen or could arise on this subject."

HAWAII'S FUTURE.

If not Annexed by the United States, the Monarchy will be Revived.

LONDON, August 25.—A despatch to Standard from Berlin says that the Vossische Zeitung hears from Honolulu that should America decline the request of the deputation to Washington to annex the islands, the Hawaiians will beg England, with America's assistance, to enthrone Princess Kaiulani. Major Wodehouse, the ex-minister of Great Britain to Hawaii, it is added, has gone to America to advocate this plan.

Major Wodehouse was in New York last week, and sailed for England on Saturday on board the Euryma. So far as known, he had not paid a visit to Washington while in this country. He expressed an opinion to an interviewer in New York that the present government in Hawaii could not endure, and that Kaiulani would be placed on the throne. Mr. A. S. Cleghorn, the father of the Princess Kaiulani, was also in New York last week on his way to England.

SLOW PROGRESS MADE

In the Investigation of the Chinese Riots, Mohammedans Now Rebel.

LONDON, August 25.—A despatch to the Times from Shanghai states that the Ku Kheng inquiry has been proceeding since Wednesday, with all the members of the consular commission present, but progress is slow. The dispatch adds that a Mohammedan rebellion has broken out in the provinces of Kansu, and is spreading seriously.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

Of Chinese Concession to the Investigation of the Riots, Not Received as Yet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25.—Neither the state or navy departments have received any information confirmatory of the newspaper reports that the Chinese have yielded in their position and are now permitting foreigners to be present at the investigation into the attacks on the missionaries. The report, however, is credited here by those acquainted with the condition of affairs in China and who have felt all along that the imperial government would see the justice of permitting foreign representation on the commission. It is felt here that the affairs of the American in China, while in charge of Minister Denby and Admiral Carpenter, are in responsible hands and that they will see that adequate measures of protection are afforded to the extent of their ability.

A Cyclone in Cuba.

HAVANA, August 25.—At 11 A. M. a cyclone, a warning of which was sent out from here on Friday will probably pass our meridian, entering the Gulf of Mexico this evening in the neighborhood of the Yucatan canal. Violent Abajo will feel strong winds from the right of the track of the cyclone.

ANOTHER DRY SUNDAY.

The Work of Reform in New York City Goes Merely On.

THE LOCAL OPTION SENTIMENT

Completing Arrangements for a Demonstration Against the Hild Enforcement of the Excess Laws—Organizations With a Combined Membership of Forty Thousand Will Participate in the Parade—An Address to the Public Issued.

New York, August 25.—This was probably the driest Sunday in the history of the municipality, at any rate the police officials all made reports to that effect. In spite of the promises of the Wine and Liquor Dealers' Association that they would urge all members of that body to close their saloons to-day, instead of waiting until next Sunday, the police in no wise relaxed their vigilance, and men in uniforms were stationed at the doors of all suspected places. An army of police officers in citizens' attire were on the constant lookout for violations of the law. The saloon-keepers were extraordinarily vigilant and suspicious of any one in search of a glass of beer or whisky. In several instances arrests of saloon-keepers for interfering with an officer were made.

In addition to the members of the department, there were many who had volunteered to assist the police in searching out evidences of violations of the law by notifying the captains of saloons believed to be doing business. Superintendent Dennett, of the Parkhurst Society, was early on deck and fitted about the East Side of the town, while members of the City Vigilance League and members of some of the temperance societies of several of the fashionable churches were active. Active preparations are being made for the parade and demonstration to be held September 25 and 26 under the auspices of the united societies for liberal Sunday laws. The societies that have up to this time agreed to participate in the parade, represent a membership of 40,000. There will be divisions of singers, turners and Schuetzen, besides social, benevolent and trade organizations.

An address to the public has been issued by Otto Kemper, chairman of the committee on agitation, reciting the efforts of the society to secure a local option law from the last legislature. It complains that the police commission instead of constructing the present Sunday statute in a liberal spirit, tortures it into a "justification of an oppressive police crusade against personal rights and an invasion of the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty," and invites all citizens to join in the "liberty day" celebration.

KIER HARDIE, SOCIALIST.

Delivers Himself safely of Some Socialist Prophecy at a Banquet in his Honor.

New York, August 25.—Kier Hardie, the British Socialist and ex-member of parliament, was given a dinner to-night by the Central Labor Federation at Labor Lyceum. In a speech Mr. Hardie said he was glad to meet face to face the men and women of America who are carrying the red flag of socialism on to certain victory. He hoped his visit to this country would help the Socialist movements here so much as he knew it would help him personally and, as a result, the movement in England.

Mr. Hardie, in speaking of the criticisms which have been made in England and this country regarding the course of the Socialist poet, William Morris, in refusing to issue cheap editions of his poems, so that the poor people to whom they would naturally appeal could enjoy them, said that in his opinion, Mr. Morris did not deserve the criticisms showered upon him. He thought he might pursue the same course under similar conditions. Mr. Morris wrote his poems for the satisfaction of his higher sensibilities. They were in a measure personal and for himself alone. Under the present course they would reach the wealthy classes who otherwise might not notice them, and really do more good than if they were scattered broadcast.

There were 138 delegates at the table, and Ernest Bohm, corresponding secretary of the Federation, presided.

FOOD FOR THE FUTURE.

The Estimated Wheat Crop of the World. The United States Second in Production.

BUDA PEST, August 25.—Details of the government estimate of the wheat crops of the different countries, the total for which was stated in a despatch to The Associated Press on August 23, shows the following in bushels.

Great Britain.....	85,811,000
France.....	201,367,000
Austria.....	101,354,000
Australia.....	45,292,000
Italy.....	114,828,000
Belgium.....	22,577,000
Spain.....	85,526,000
China.....	115,032,000
Hungary.....	104,081,000
United States.....	27,154,000
India.....	10,007,000
Canada.....	21,096,000
Russia.....	42,414,000
Portugal.....	22,432,000
Turkey.....	12,555,000
Argentina.....	60,790,000
Australia.....	47,140,000

World's Records and the Sabbath.